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September 20, 2005

\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY –<u>TODAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM-</u> EVENT\*\*\*

## REP. MARKEY JOINS ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS TO RALLY TO PROTECT ARCTIC FROM REPUBLICAN DRILLING SCHEMES

WASHINGTON, DC – Washington, DC – September 19, 2005 – Representative Edward J. Markey (D-MA) will join thousands of Americans from across the country in front of the U.S. Capitol Tuesday to urge Congress to protect America's Arctic Refuge from oil drilling. Citizen lobbyists will assemble <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 20, 2005</u>, in <u>Washington</u>, <u>D.C. at 11 A.M. on the Capitol's West Lawn</u> for a rally featuring a diverse slate of religious, political, and Native American leaders and highlighted by remarks from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Action Day participants will then visit House and Senate offices to speak to their congressional representatives face-to-face about the upcoming vote on Arctic Refuge drilling.

WHAT: Representative Markey to join rally for the Artic Refuge

WHO: U.S. Representative Ed Markey (D-MA)

Senator Lieberman (D-CT) Robert F. Kennedy Jr

Alaska Coalition; Alaska Wilderness League; Defenders of Wildlife; Earthjustice; Episcopal Church, USA; Gwich'in Steering Committee; League of Conservation Voters; National

Audubon Society; Natural Resources Defense Council; National Wildlife Federation; National Wildlife Refuge

Association; Northern Alaskan Environmental Center; R.E.P.

America; Trustees for Alaska; Sierra Club; U.S. PIRG;

Washington Association of Churches: The Wilderness Society:

and World Wildlife Fund.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 11 A.M

WHERE: Capitol's West Lawn